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1. DCM MET WITH VICE FONMIN TSAI WEI-PING NOV. 10 TO EXPLAIN MISUNDERSTANDING OVER ROC PARTICIPATION IN PARIS MEETING ON CAMBODIA 1974 ESF AND OUR HOPE THAT IT WOULD NOT AFFECT SUPPORT WHICH ROC GIVING TO CAMBODIA. TO SOFTEN BLOW ADDED THAT ROK WAS IN SAME BOAT. TSAI, WHO HAD BEEN CONDITIONED BY INFORMAL DISCUSSION DAY BEFORE, TOOK THE NEWS WITH GOOD GRACE. HIS PRIME CONCERNS WERE THAT A) GKR'S LAST MINUTE FAILURE TO INCLUDE ROC NOT BE PUBLICIZED CAUSING FURTHER DAMAGE TO ROC'S INTERNATIONAL POSITION, AND B) ROC ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA NOT BE RESTRICTED BY INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO WHICH ROC NOT A PARTY. DCM SAID HE THOUGHT THESE PROBLEMS COULD BE MINIMIZED.

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WM COMMENT: FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH VICE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FINANCE WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT NO GREAT DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE AND THAT ROC WILL CONTINUE TO SEE ITS INTERESTS SERVED BY HELPING CAMBODIA.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PERHAPS REFLECTING FONOFF'S UNFAMILIARITY WITH ECONOMIC SUBJECT, TSAI ASKED IF WE COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH A RELATIVELY COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING ON ENTIRE RANGE OF FINANCIAL, COMMODITY AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA AS WELL AS MECHANISMS FOR THESE OPERATIONS. MCCONAUGHY

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